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Honorable Scott Pruitt Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Mail Code 1101A Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I am writing in reference to Region 10 of the EPA and the vacancy for the Region 10 Administrator. More specifically, I write to provide my full support to Mr. Rick Rydell Green for appointment as the Region 10 Administrator. I would appreciate your immediate review and consideration of his qualifications.

As you are already aware, Alaska is the "crown jewel" of the environmental movement. So much so that this great State has suffered at the hands of radicals like Gina McCarthy and the extremists within the Obama Administration. It has severely hampered our ability to thrive economically and for our people to be the true stewards of the Last Frontier. The strangle hold of the last Administration has finally loosened and my goal is to help you and President Trump completely reform the agency and how it treats the very people it is designed to serve.

For these reasons, I can only support one candidate for the Region 10 Administrator. That is, Mr. Green. He is the ONLY person that you can trust to take the reins in one of the most sensitive regions in the country and know that he will serve this administration with a profound sense of duty, common sense, professionalism, loyalty and most of all public trust.

Mr. Green "gets" Alaska and therefore the Region in the largest sense. Mr. Green has an extensive background in Alaskan Environmental Engineering with a subsidiary of Bristol Bay Native Corporation (Bristol Environment and Engineering). Consequently, he is aware of the administrative, logistic and social/environmental aspects of managing projects. He is a user of our lands, waters, fish and wildlife giving him a unique ability to understand how business must be conducted without jeapordizing the environment. He is absolutely qualified to manage the agency with an eye on what makes the most economic and environmental sense.

Mr. Pruitt, it is difficult to describe the services that Mr. Green can provide in a few short pages. In summary, this man has done more to defend the State of Alaska and our western brothers and sisters against the overreach of the federal government and especially the EPA for more years than I can count. As an outsider to the federal government he is the only person who can run Region 10 to regain the trust of the public. There is simply no other candidate for this position and I am emphatic that you hire him to do the job. It is high time that Alaska has a more prominent position at the table in EPA as our people have suffered tremendously at the bloating and fascism of the agency in the previous administration. Therefore, Mr. Green is the only person who can serve in this role.

I appreciate your immediate consideration and look forward to hearing of Mr. Green's hire. With warmest regards and best wishes, I remain.

Sincerely,

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